

Design and Historic Review Commission Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2023

A meeting of the City of Yuma Design and Historic Review Commission was held on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at City Hall Council Chambers, One City Plaza, Yuma, Arizona.

DESIGN AND HISTORIC REVIEW COMMISSION MEMBERS present included Chairman Tom Rushin, Vice Chairman Amanda Coltman and Commissioners James Sheldahl, William Moody, Juan Leal-Rubio and Sandra Anthony. Commissioner Chris Hamel was absent

STAFF MEMBERS present included Jennifer Albers, Assistant Director of Planning; Robert Blevins, Principal Planner; Amelia Domby, Senior Planner; Zenia Fiveash, Assistant Planner; Guillermo Moreno-Nunez, Assistant Planner; Alejandro Marquez, Administrative Specialist.

Chairman Tom Rushin called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., and noted there was a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 22, 2023

Motion by Commissioner Juan Leal-Rubio, second by Vice-Chairman Amanda Coltman to APPROVE the minutes of March 22, 2023. Motion carried unanimously, (6-0) with one absent.

ITEMS REQUIRING COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND ACTION

DHRC-41228-2023: *This is a request by Innov-R-Design & Construction, on behalf of Adan Flores, for historic review of the re-construction of the Individually-listed Mexican Consulate Building in the Century Heights Conservancy Residential Historic District. The property is located at 129 W. 4th Street, Yuma, AZ.*

Robert Blevins, Principal Planner summarized the staff report and recommended **APPROVAL**.

QUESTIONS FOR STAFF

None

APPLICANT / APPLICANT'S REPRESENTATIVE

Victor Guzman, 1247 California Street, San Luis AZ, was available for questions.

Commissioner William Moody commented that he was glad to see that the home was going to be restored.

Commissioner Juan Leal-Rubio thanked Guzman for taking on the task to restore the home.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Motion by Commissioner William Moody, second by Commissioner James Sheldahl, to APPROVE Case Number DHRC-41228-2023 as presented. Motion carried unanimously, (6-0) with one absent.

DHRC-41190-2023: *This is a request by Thompson Design Architects PC, on behalf of the Housing Authority of the City of Yuma (HACY), for historic review of the renovation of an existing residence and the construction of a new addition for a new HACY office and meeting center. The property is located at 433 S. 1st Avenue, in the Century Heights Conservancy Residential Historic District.*

Amelia Domby, Senior Planner summarized the staff report and recommended **APPROVAL**.

QUESTIONS FOR STAFF

Chairman Tom Rushin commented that he was glad that the home was renovated rather than being demolished.

APPLICANT / APPLICANT'S REPRESENTATIVE

Christopher Thompson, 675 W. 16th Street, Yuma AZ, was available for questions.

Commissioner Sandra Anthony asked if the parking was going to be located in the alleyway. **Thompson** replied no, that the parking would be located across the front of the building where the driveway was located.

Commissioner James Sheldahl asked if the home located on the proposed project was going to be used as rental property. **Thompson** answered no, that the home is not currently occupied and that there would be offices within the existing home is currently located.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Motion by Commissioner Juan Leal-Rubio, second by Vice-Chairman Amanda Coltman, to APPROVE Case Number DHRC-41190-2023 as presented. Motion carried, (6-0) with one absent.

DHRC-41177-2023: *This is a request by Signmasters, on behalf of the Yuma Association of Realtors, for historic review of new wall-mounted signage, for the property located at 290 S. 1st Avenue, in the Old Town (OT) District.*

Amelia Domby, Senior Planner summarized the staff report and recommended **APPROVAL**.

QUESTIONS FOR STAFF

None

APPLICANT / APPLICANT'S REPRESENTATIVE

Richard Wayas, 1165 S. 4th Avenue, Yuma AZ, was available for questions

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Motion by Commissioner William Moody, second by Commissioner James Sheldahl, to APPROVE Case Number DHRC-41177-2023 as presented. Motion carried unanimously, (6-0) with one absent.

DHRC-41261-2023: *This is a request by Penn Neon Sign Company, Inc., on behalf of Luciano O. and Dina M. Munoz, for historic review of a new wall-mounted sign in the Main Street Historic District. The property is located at 197 S. Gila Street, Yuma, AZ.*

Robert Blevins, Principal Planner summarized the staff report and recommended **APPROVAL**.

QUESTIONS FOR STAFF

None

APPLICANT / APPLICANT'S REPRESENTATIVE

Ron Contreras, 707 W. 8th Street, Yuma AZ, was available for questions.

Vice-Chairman Amanda Coltman stated that she was in favor of the overall design of the sign.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Motion by Vice-Chairman Amanda Coltman, second by Commissioner Sandra Anthony, to APPROVE Case Number DHRC-41261-2023 as presented. Motion carried unanimously, (6-0) with one absent.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

None

INFORMATION ITEMS**Staff**

None

Administrative Approvals

None

National Heritage Area

None

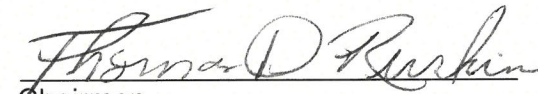
Commission

Chairman Tom Rushin noted that there was a fire at the West Wetlands Park that resulted in the loss of a few trees, and that the City Fire Department was able to quickly get it under control.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Minutes approved this 26 day of April, 2023.


Chairman